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Response to Applicants' Amendment

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 6, 15, 17, and 20 have been amended.

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The amendment filed on 3/28/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): A clean copy of the Specification was not submitted. This does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121. The 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejection for claim 1 relating to the type of "system" in the preamble. Since the above- mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, the Applicants' are given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on 571-272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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